

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The claims are listed below as a courtesy to the Examiner. No claim amendment is made.

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule comprising an agricultural chemical compound of which a melting or softening point is 70°C or below, a salt of N-acylamino acid, and an adsorbent carrier.

Claim 2 (Original): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1, wherein the salt of N-acylamino acid has an acyl group having 8 to 24 carbon atoms.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the salt of N-acylamino acid is a salt of N-acylated material of at least one amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, sarcosine, alanine, valine, leucine, lysine, arginine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, methionine, cystine, cysteine, and phenylalanine.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the agricultural chemical compound comprises as its main component at least one selected from the group consisting of dimethametryn, dithiopyr, benfuresate, cyhalofop-butyl, dimepiperate, pretilachlor, esprocarb, and iminoctadine albesilate.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the adsorbent carrier is selected from the group consisting of synthetic noncrystalline silicas, diatomaceous earths, zeolites, attapulgites, and acid clays.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1 or 2, wherein 10 to 60% by mass is the agricultural chemical compound, 10 to 30% by mass is the N-acylamino acid, and 10 to 80% by mass is the adsorbent carrier.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 7, wherein the ratio of the at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates is 5 to 25% by mass relative to a total mass of the agricultural chemical compound, the N-acylamino acid, the adsorbent carrier, and the at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising an N-acylmethyltaurate.

Claim 10 (Original): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 9, wherein the N-acylmethyltaurate has an acyl group having 8 to 24 carbon atoms.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 9, wherein the ratio of N-acylmethyltaurate is 0.5 to 10% by mass relative to a total mass of the agricultural chemical compound, the N-acylamino acid, the adsorbent carrier, and the N-acylmethyltaurate.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 7, further comprising an N-acylmethyltaurate.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 12, wherein the N-acylmethyltaurate has an acyl group having 8 to 24 carbon atoms.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 12, wherein the ratio of N-acylmethyltaurate is 0.5 to 10% by mass

relative to a total mass of the agricultural chemical compound, the N-acylamino acid, the adsorbent carrier, the at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates, and the N-acylmethyltaurate.